

## **Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 94-2**

### **to the Department of Energy**

#### **Regarding the Level of National Environmental Policy Act Coverage for the Plutonium Liquid Stabilization Program in Building 771 at Rocky Flats**

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After diligent review of the oral presentations, the background written materials, and the on-site tour of the facilities, the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (RFCAB) recommends that the Department of Energy prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Plutonium Liquid Stabilization Program in Building 771. Once complete, a review of the EA will allow the RFCAB to decide if additional information is necessary and to evaluate the adequacy of the decision reached.

Due to concern over the condition of facilities and equipment; the potential for equipment failure after an extended shutdown; the necessity of providing maximum health and safety protection for the workers and the public; and the protection of the environment, the RFCAB concurs with the DOE assessment that an Operational Readiness Review (ORR) of the facilities, equipment, and personnel associated with the liquid stabilization program also should be conducted. This Operational Readiness Review should be commensurate with the level of operation planned in Building 771 as determined through the graded approach outlined in DOE Order 5480.31. The RFCAB requests a briefing when the Plan of Action for the ORR has been prepared to become better acquainted with the level of restart review DOE plans for the facility.

In order to fully understand the development, operation, and evaluation of the liquid stabilization program and the steps necessary to guarantee a safe operation, the Citizens Advisory Board requests that the Department of Energy maintain continual communication with us as milestones are reached in this project. These milestones include those inherent in both the Environmental Assessment and Operational Readiness Review processes.

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The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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